



# New Light Weakly-Coupled Particles: Axion-like particles

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# Portals connecting to the SM

Higgs Portal

$$\epsilon_h |h|^2 |\phi|^2$$

Neutrino Portal

$$\epsilon_\nu (hL)\psi$$

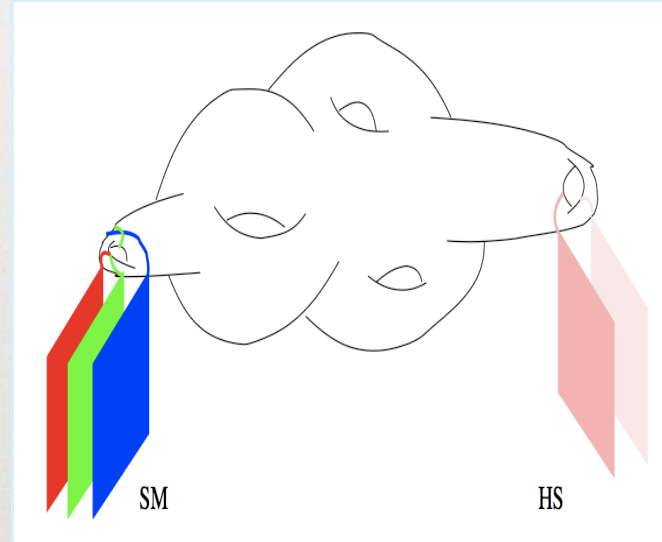
Vector Portal

$$\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_Y F_{\mu\nu}^Y F'^{\mu\nu}$$

Axion Portal

$$\frac{1}{f_a} a F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$$

Philip Schuster



Low mass scalars (pseudo-scalars) arise in many theoretical models (for example, moduli in string theory, symmetry breaking at high scales, etc.)



# Axions

- Postulated in the late 1970s as a consequence of not observing CP violation in the strong interaction.

$$L_{CP} = -\frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} \underbrace{(\Theta - \arg \det M_q)}_{0 \leq \bar{\Theta} \leq 2\pi} \text{Tr } \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu}$$

Raffelt

- The measurement of the electric dipole of the neutron implies  $\bar{\Theta} < \sim 10^{-10}$ .  $\Rightarrow$  Strong CP Problem of QCD
  - This is very much on the same order of an issue with the Standard Model as the hierarchy problem that motivates supersymmetry.
  - Axions originate from a new symmetry that explains small  $\bar{\Theta}$

Bjorken “Axions are just as viable a candidate for dark matter as sparticles”

Wilczek “If not axions, please tell me how to solve the Strong-CP problem”

Witten “Axions may be intrinsic to the structure of string theory”

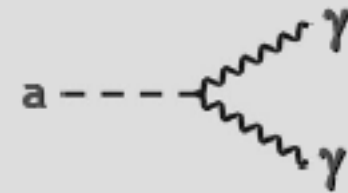
# Axions and Axion-like particles

- Axion mass related to the pion mass:  $m_a \sim m_\pi f_\pi / f_a = \frac{0.60 \text{ meV}}{f_A / 10^{10} \text{ GeV}}$
- Axions couple to two photons

Photon coupling

$$\mathcal{L}_{a\gamma} = -\frac{g_{a\gamma}}{4} F\tilde{F}a = g_{a\gamma} \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B} a$$

$$g_{a\gamma} = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi f_a} \left( \frac{E}{N} - 1.92 \right)$$



Raffelt

- An *axion-like-particle* (ALP) is a more general particle that can arise from either a pseudoscalar or scalar field,  $\phi$ , and no longer has the connection to the pion.

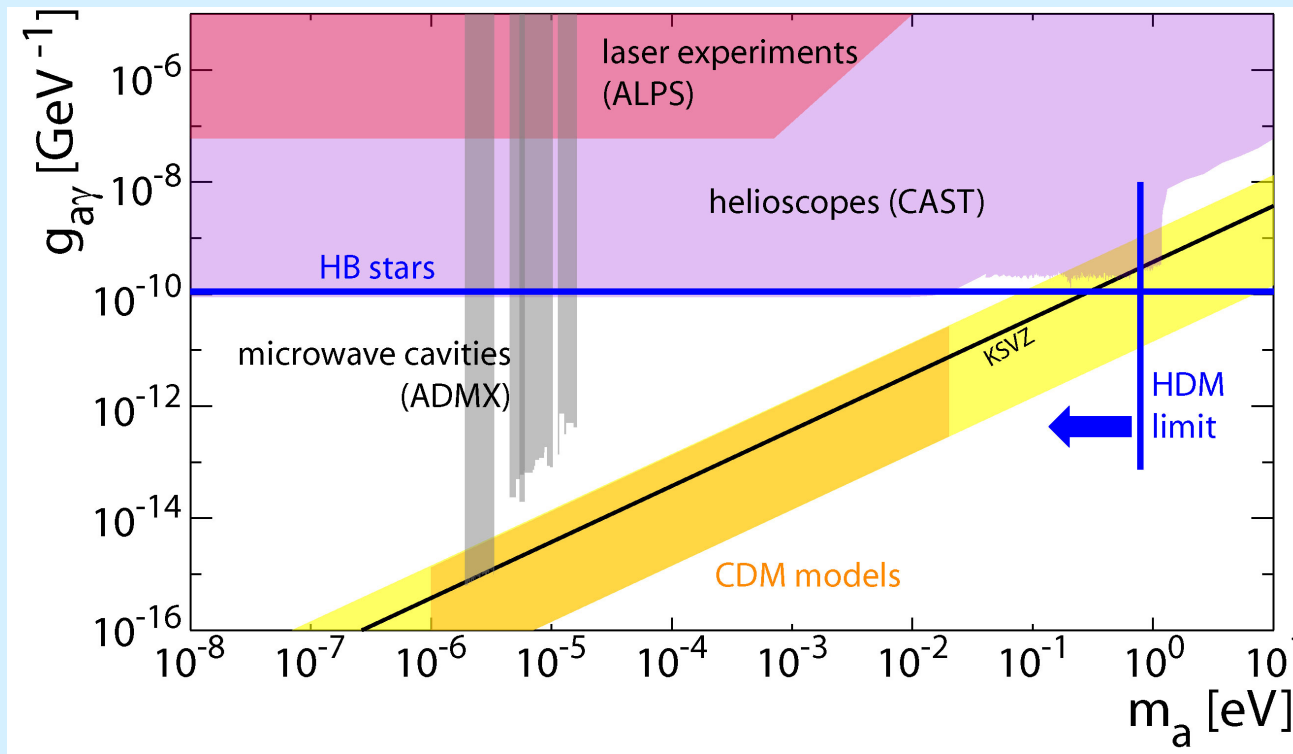
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = -\frac{1}{4} \frac{\phi}{M} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{\phi}{M} (\vec{E} \cdot \vec{B}) \quad \text{pseudoscalar}$$

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# Current constraints

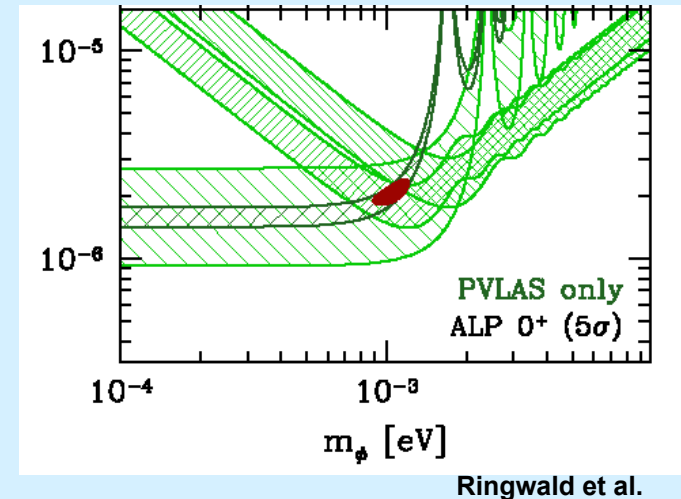
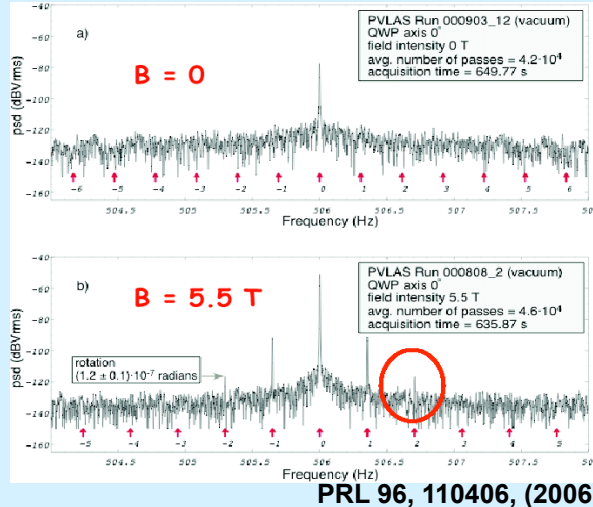
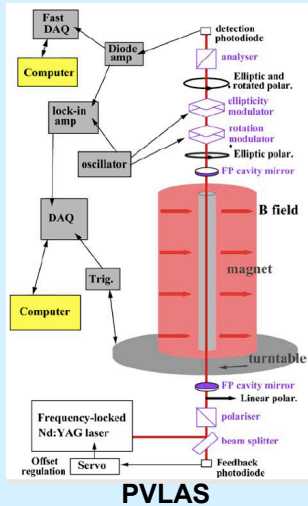
- Axion and ALP parameters are constrained by astrophysical and experimental measurements
  - Stars don't burn out and hot dark matter not likely.
  - Laser, microwave cavity, solar telescopes (helioscopes) are a partial list of techniques that provide experimental bounds.



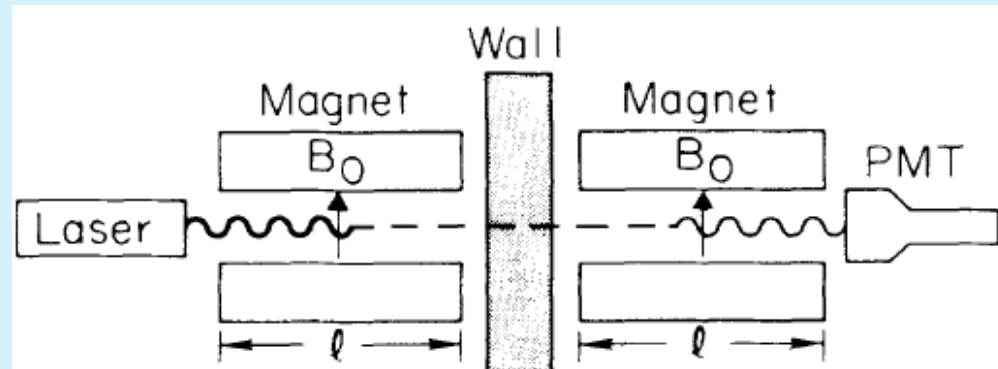
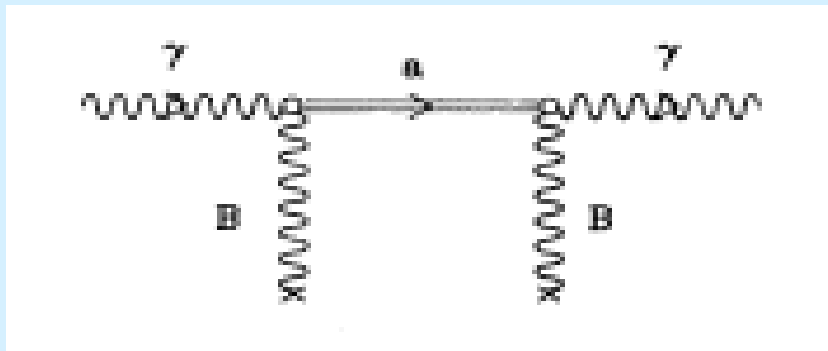
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# Intriguing observation

2006: spurious signal in an experiment looking to study polarization of the vacuum - theoretical ways to evade limits



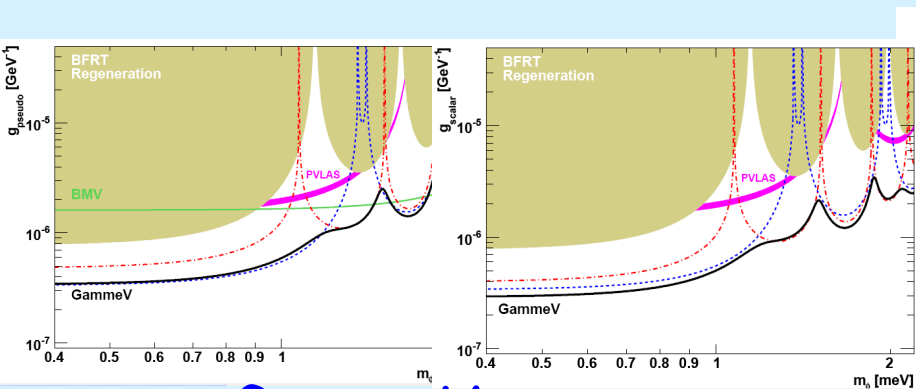
Redo a "Light shining through a wall" experiment



K. Van Bibber, et. al., PRL 59, 759 (1987)

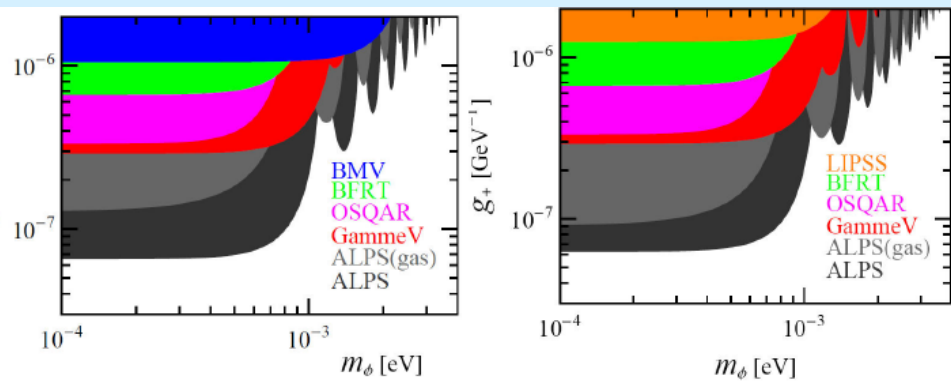


# World-wide effort



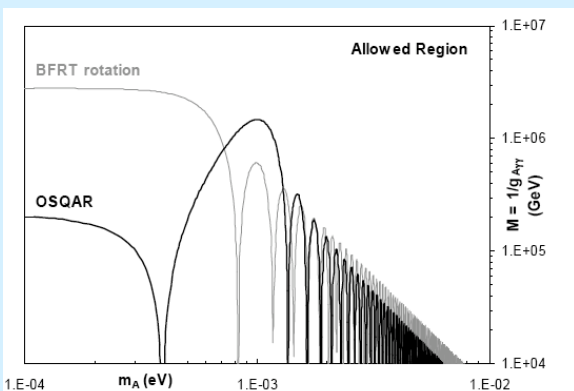
**GammeV  
@FNAL**

PRL 100, 080402 (2008)



**ALPS  
@DESY**

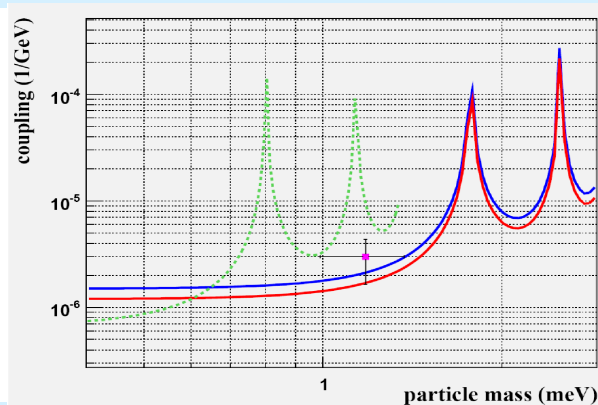
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**OSQAR  
@CERN**

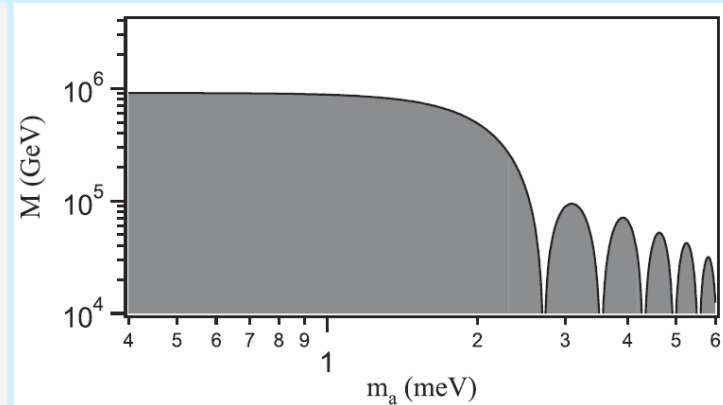
PRD 78, 092003 (2008)  
Note: with  $\text{N}_2$  gas

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**LIPSS  
@JLab**

scalar only  
PRL 101, 120401(2008)

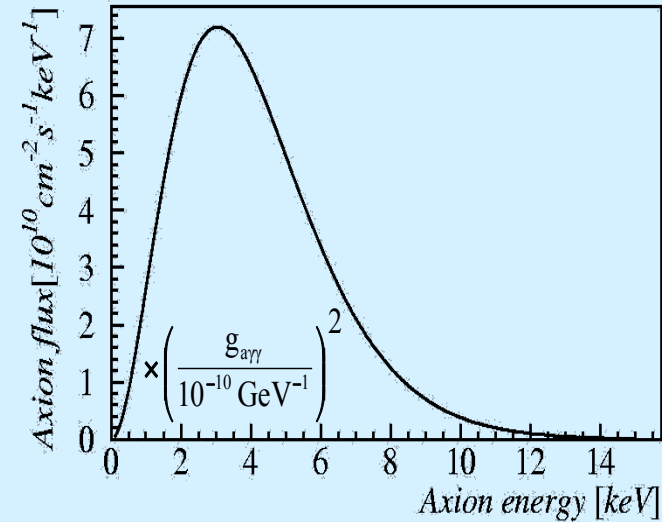
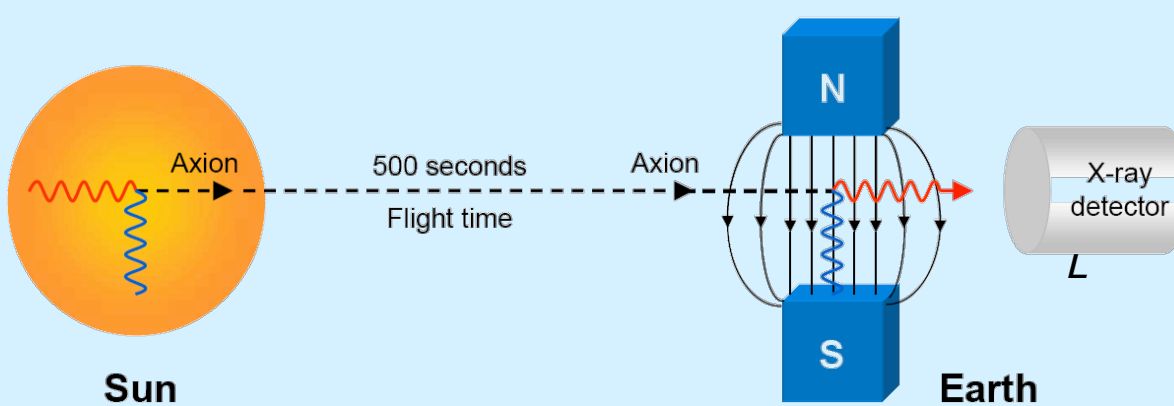


**BMV  
@France**

pseudoscalar only  
1st results: PRL 99, 190403 (2007)  
Final results: PRD 78, 032013 (2008)

# CAST Experiment

- CERN Axion Solar Telescope



Point LHC dipole  
toward the sun.  
Detect possible  
X-rays from axion  
reconversion.

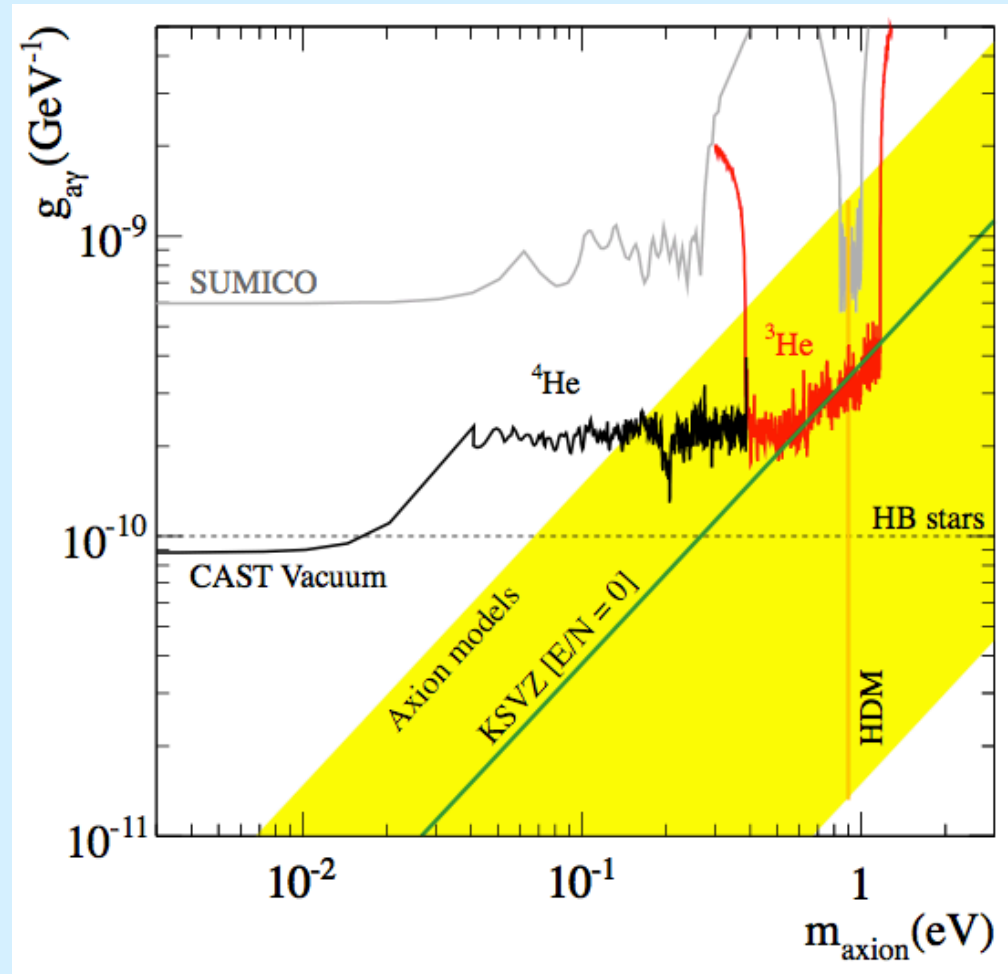
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# CAST Results

2007 limits in vacuum  
 $< 0.88 \times 10^{-10} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$

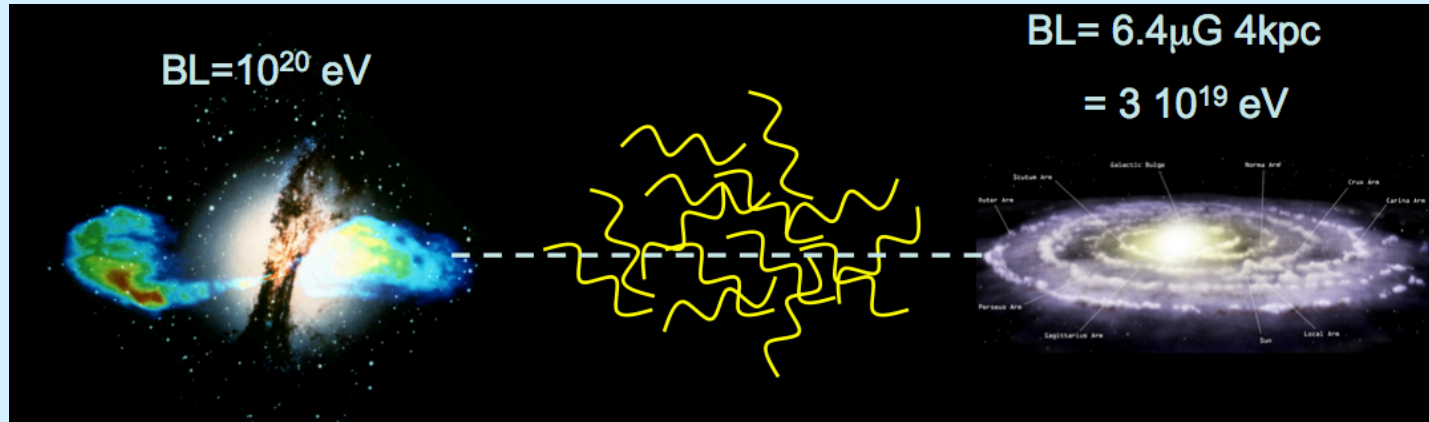
Coherence lost at large  $m_a$ .  
Program 2009-2011 to  
use buffer gasses to give  
an effective photon mass  
that can be scanned versus  
gas pressure.



CAST, arXiv:1307.1985 [hep-ex]

# Motivation for $g_{\alpha\gamma\gamma} \sim 10^{-(11\text{ish})}$

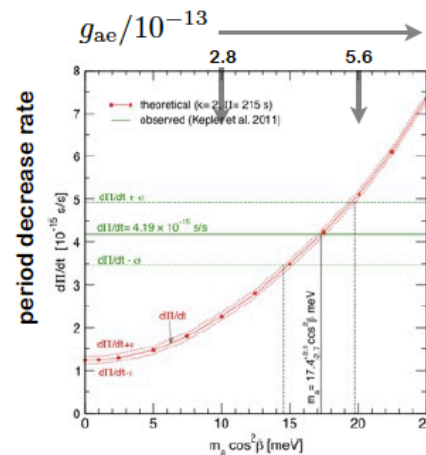
## Anomalous observation of high energy gamma rays



Hints of anomalous cooling of white dwarf stars

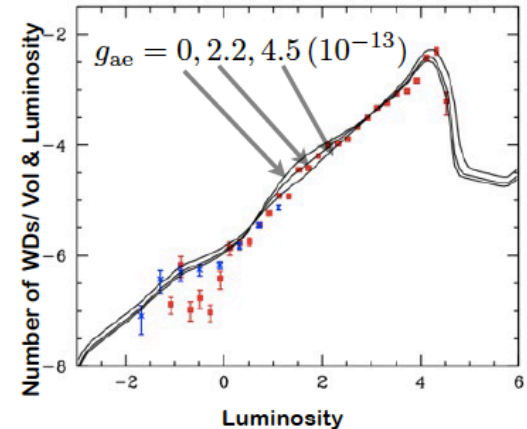
### Period decrease of G117-B15A

Corsico et al. arXiv:1205.6180



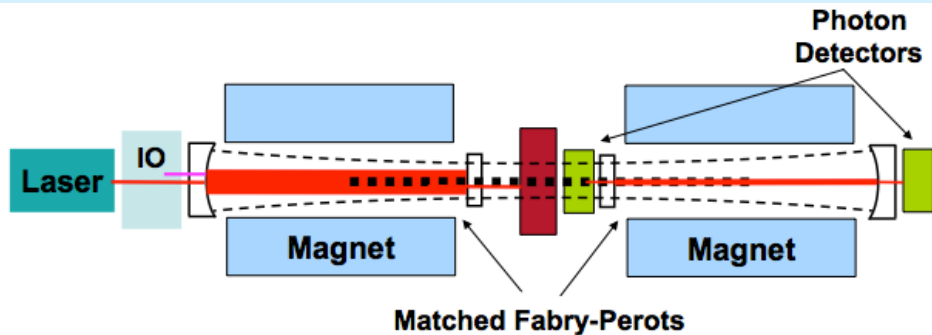
### WD luminosity function

Isern et al. arXiv:1204.3565





# Next generation light shining through walls



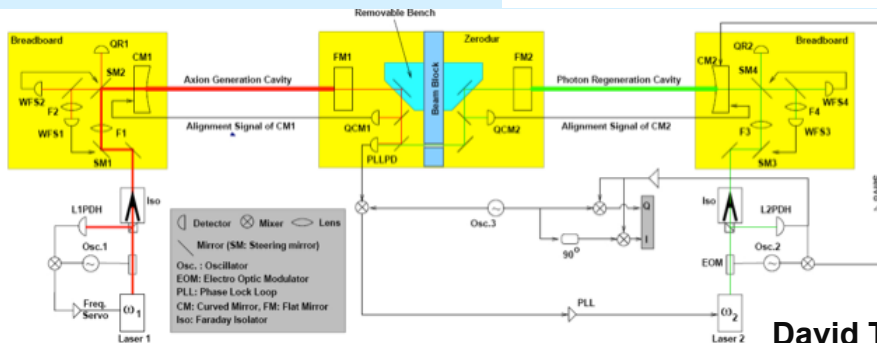
Matched optical cavities on both sides of the wall give an enhancement of  $\mathcal{FF}$  (finesse)

F. Hoogeveen and T. Ziegenhagen, Nucl. Phys. B **358**, 3 (1991)  
Mueller, Sikivie, Tanner, van Bibber, Phys. Rev. D **80**, 072004 (2009)  
Phys. Rev. Lett. **98**, 172002 (2007)

**ALPS-II DESY**  
approved first  
stages towards  
ALPS-II

Axel Linder

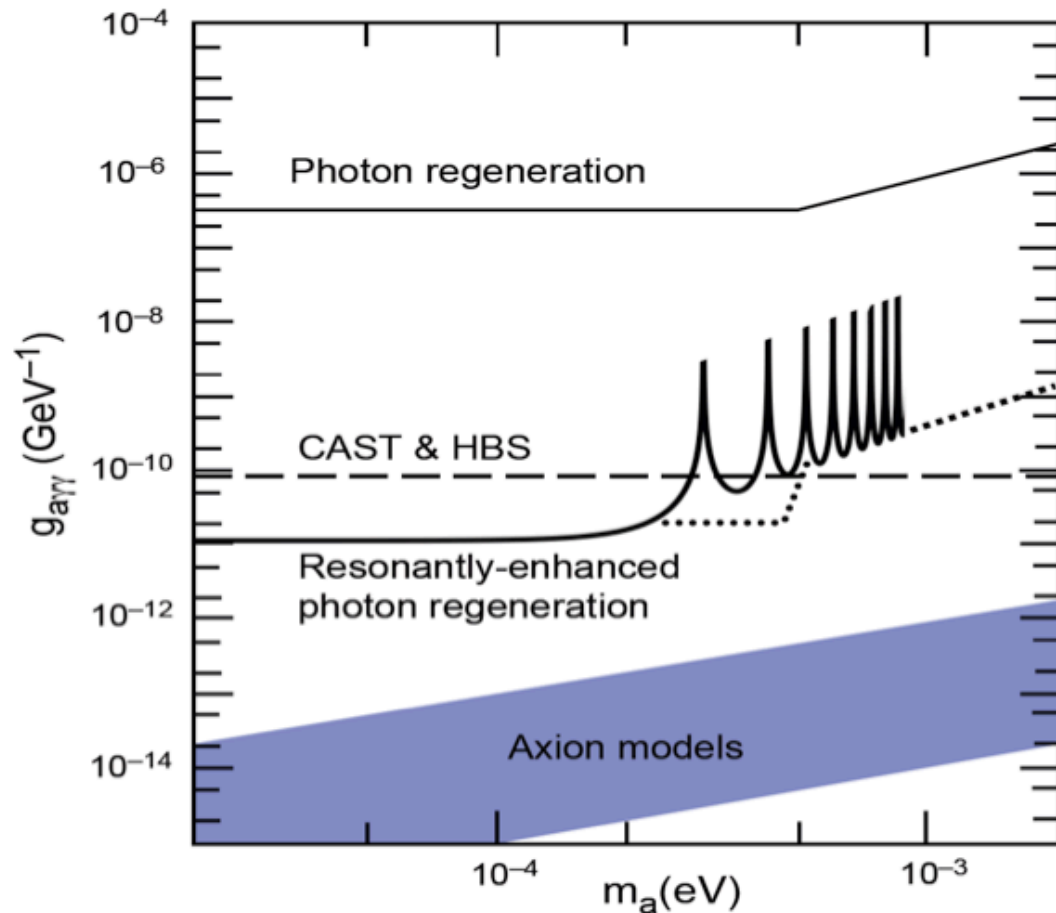
Parameter	Scaling	ALPS-I	ALPS-IIc	Sens. gain
Effective laser power $P_{\text{laser}}$	$g_{a\gamma} \propto P_{\text{laser}}^{-1/4}$	1 kW	150 kW	3.5
Rel. photon number flux $n_\gamma$	$g_{a\gamma} \propto n_\gamma^{-1/4}$	1 (532 nm)	2 (1064 nm)	1.2
Power built up in RC $P_{\text{RC}}$	$g_{a\gamma} \propto P_{\text{reg}}^{-1/4}$	1	40,000	14
$BL$ (before& after the wall)	$g_{a\gamma} \propto (BL)^{-1}$	22 Tm	468 Tm	21
Detector efficiency $QE$	$g_{a\gamma} \propto QE^{-1/4}$	0.9	0.75	0.96
Detector noise $DC$	$g_{a\gamma} \propto DC^{1/8}$	$0.0018 \text{ s}^{-1}$	$0.000001 \text{ s}^{-1}$	2.6
Combined improvements				3082



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**REAPR** – US effort (Univ of Florida and Fermilab, etc.)  
submitting R&D proposals.  
Related laser expt's at FNAL.

# Possible reach



Cost driven by laboratory support of operating a long string of superconducting magnets.

DESY: HERA magnets  
FNAL: Tevatron “

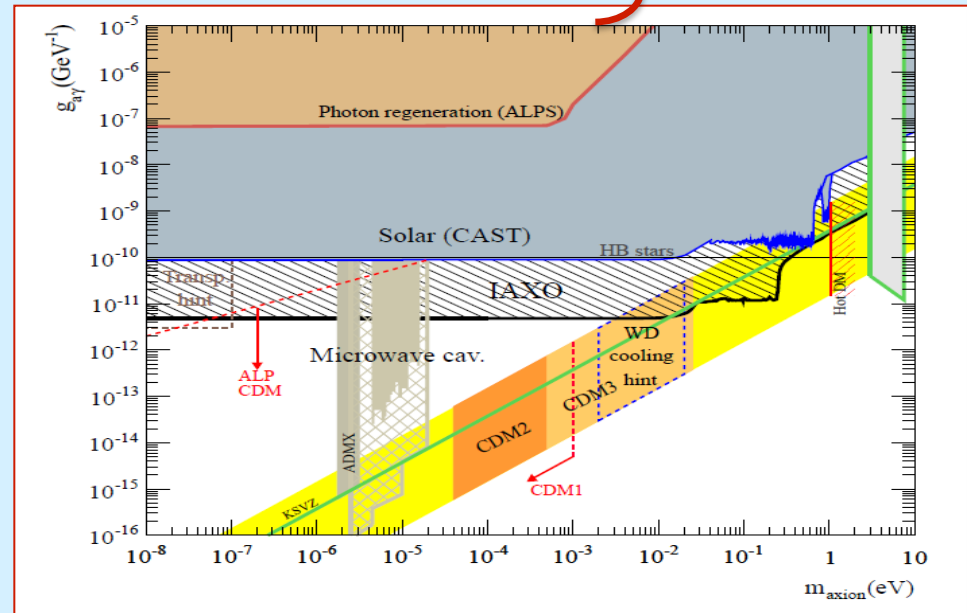
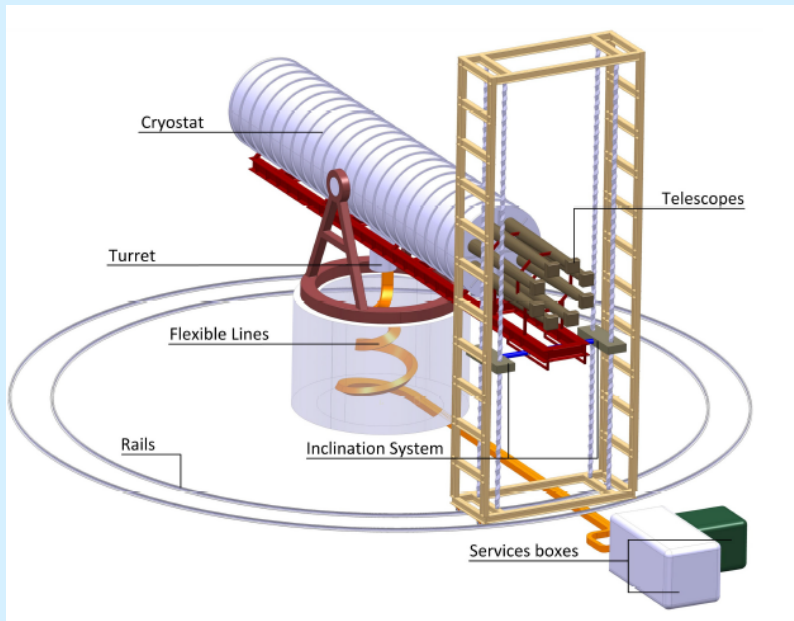
Baseline design with BL=180 Tesla-meters, with  $F=3 \cdot 10^5$ ,  $P=10W$ , Integration time  $T=30$  days.

# IAXO

## International axion x-ray observatory

- Collaboration formed and growing
  - 100 physicists, 20 institutions, 15 countries
- Conceptual design report in preparation; LOI solicited by CERN and **submitted August 2013**
- 4<sup>th</sup> gen helioscope supported in 2011 ASPERA roadmap
- Socializing IAXO with DOE/SC/HEP and communities of interest (dark matter, particle astrophysics, ...)
  - Budget [ROM] = \$60–110M (dependent on cost models)
    - \$30M magnet
    - \$10M CF
    - \$16M optics
    - \$ 6M detectors

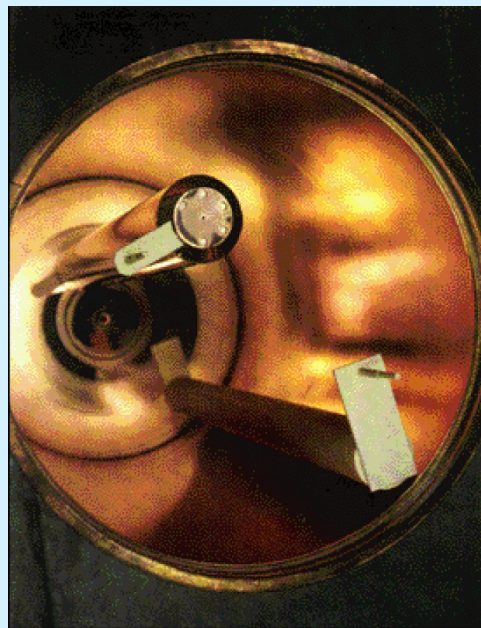
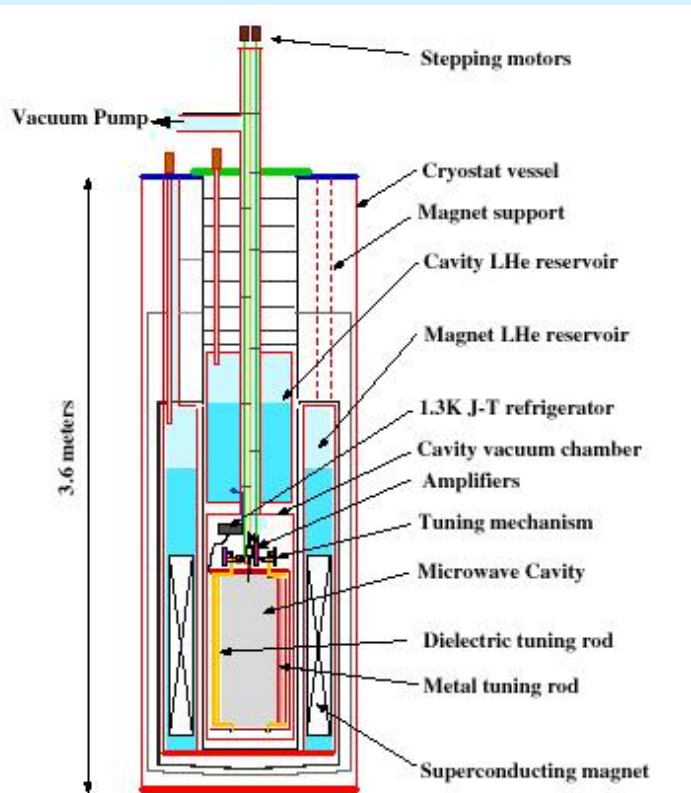
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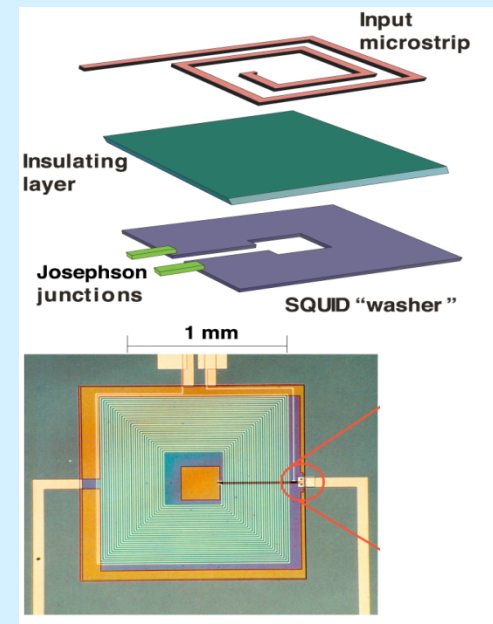
# ADMX Experiment

- Axion Dark Matter Experiment
  - Tunable microwave cavity in B field looking for dark matter axions converting into a detectable photons.




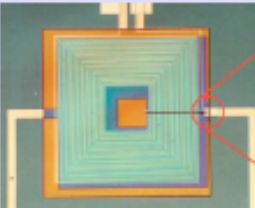

High Q cavity

ADMX

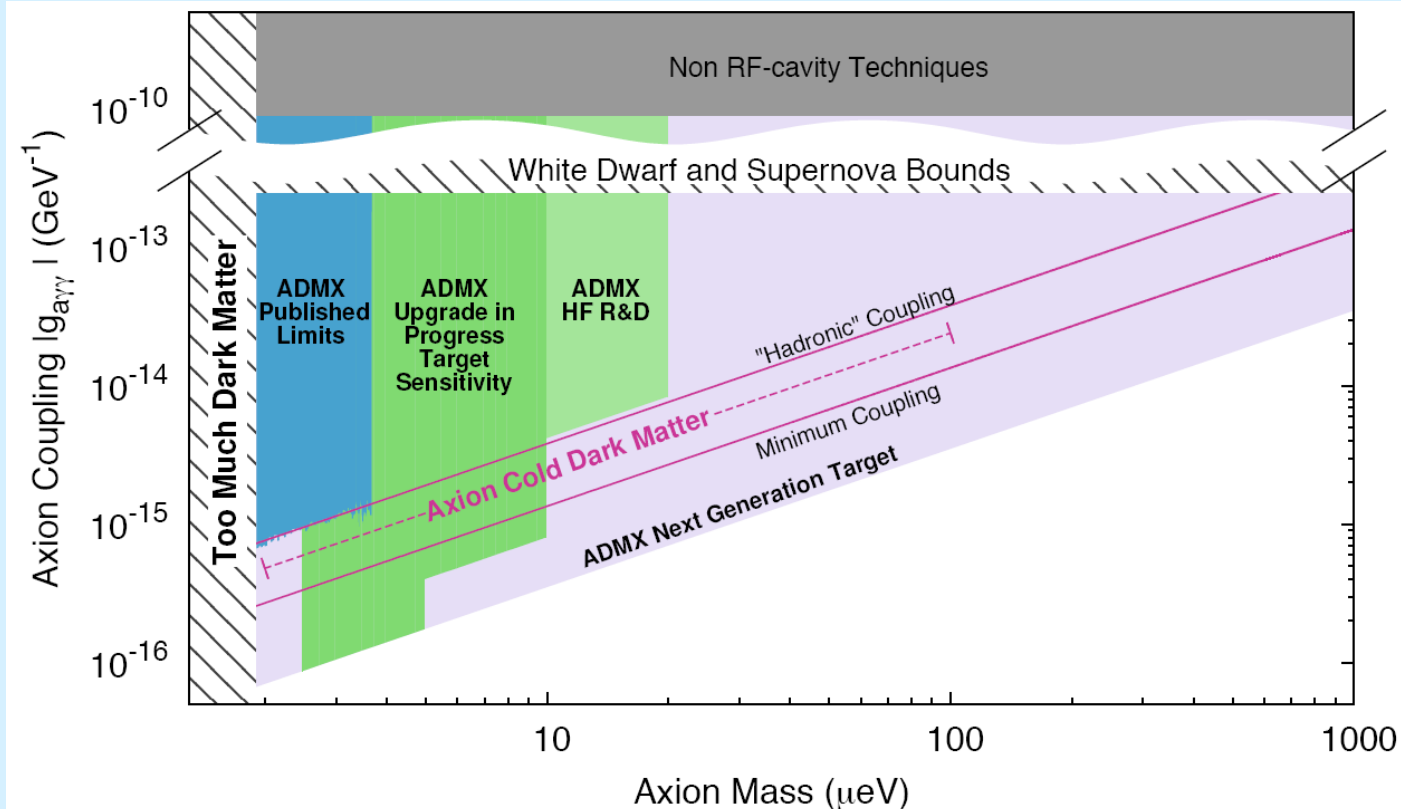


SQUID  
for receiver

# ADMX Results and Future

Stage	Phase 0	Phase I	Phase II
Technology	HEMT; Pumped LHe 	Replace w. SQUID 	Add Dilution Fridge 

Phase I at LLNL  
published  
Phase II being  
installed at  
U of Wash  
R&D ongoing for  
ADMX-HF

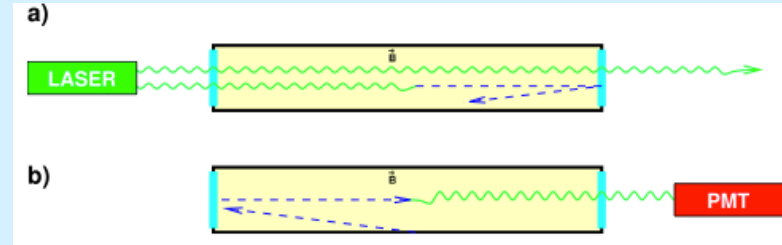
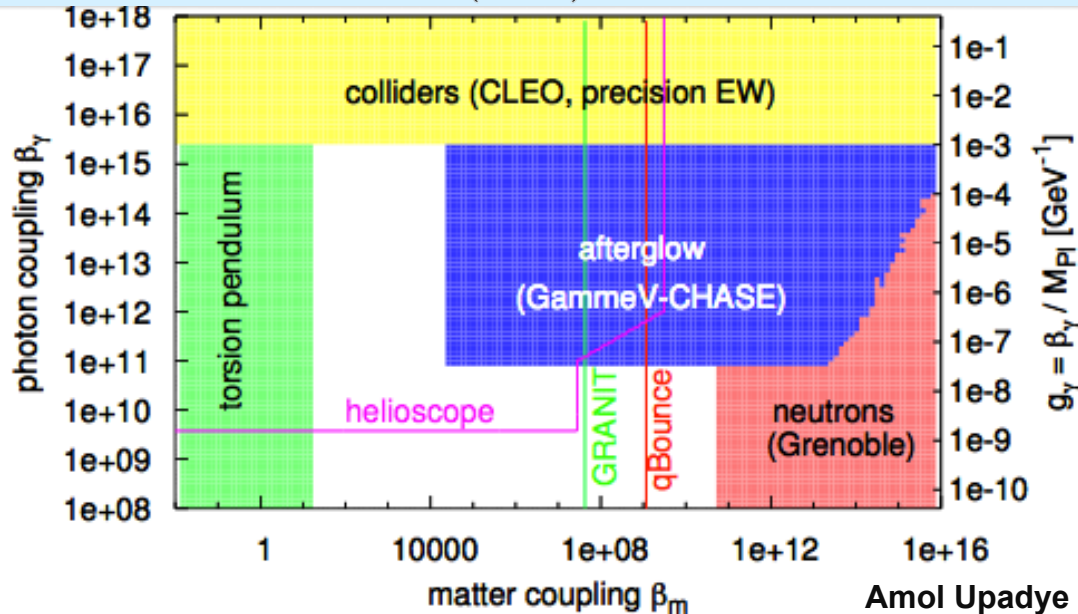


# Chameleons

A Chameleon is a particle whose properties depend on it's environment. At low mass density the chameleon is light, and acquires a large effective mass in high mass density.

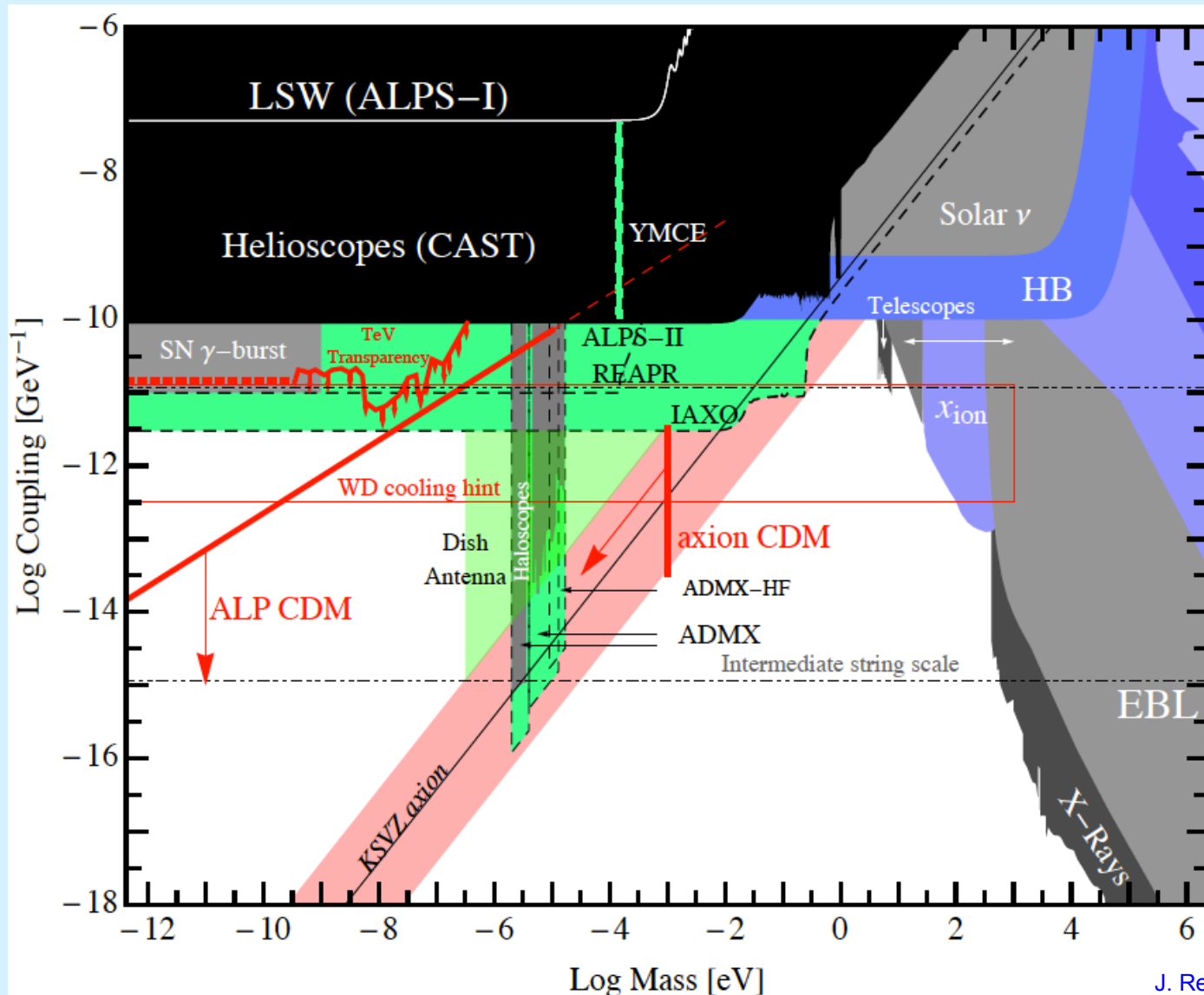
- A possible dark energy particle
- Afterglow experiment is one test

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = -V(\phi) + \exp\left(\frac{\phi}{M_D}\right) g_{\mu\nu} T^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4} \frac{\phi}{M} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$





# Axion-like particle parameter space



J. Redondo, A. Ringwald, et al.

# Points for HEP Community

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- New light weakly-coupled particles
  - Strongly motivated theoretically
  - Hints from astrophysical observations
  - The Intensity Frontier approach provides a means to directly produce new particles and explore New Physics at low energy
  - Energetic subfield of particle physics with world-wide interest
  - Opportunities are quite extensive, sometimes limited by imagination, and represent a low cost means towards high impact discovery physics!